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1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS REPRESENT [REDACTED] REACTION TO MACV PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN REFERENCE.

2. WOULD LIKE FIRST EXPRESS HOPE CONFERENCE GIVING CONSIDERATION DETERMINING COMPOSITION OF KIA POPULATION, THAT IS, DISTRIBUTION AMONG CIVILIANS, IREGULARS, VC AND NVA MAIN FORCES, SUPPORT TROOPS, RATHER THAN MERELY MANIPULATING KIA STATISTICAL DATA.

3. MACV KIA/WIA RATIO OF 1 TO 1.44 CLOSE TO 1 TO 1.5 RATIO INDEPENDENTLY DERIVED BY [REDACTED] SUGGEST CONFERENCE ROUND RATIO TO 1 TO 1.5 FOR BOTH ARITHMETIC SIMPLICITY AND TO REFLECT MORE REALISTICALLY THE TRUE DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE PRECISION OF THESE RATIOS.

4. ESTIMATED MACV ATTRITION FACTOR CONCEPTUALLY SIMILAR [REDACTED] SERIOUSLY WOUNDED RATIO. [REDACTED] SERIOUSLY WOUNDED INCLUDES THOSE DYING OF WOUNDS AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED AS IN MACV RATIO BUT [REDACTED] ALSO INCLUDES WOUNDED REQUIRING CONSIDERABLE RECOVERY TIME BEFORE

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RETURNING TO ACTION. THIS INCLUSION EXPLAINS WHY [REDACTED] KIA TO  
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED RATIO OF 1 to .54-.83 LARGER THAN MACV KIA TO  
ATTRITION RATIO OF 1 to .35.

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5. MACV PROPOSALS PERCENT ENEMY OB ON DUTY WITH UNIT CONSISTENT  
WITH [REDACTED] THINKING ON SUBJECT ALTHOUGH WE HAVE MADE NO FORMAL  
ANALYSIS OF SUBJECT.

6. DISAGREE MACV POSITION ON DESERTERS OTHER THAN HOI CHANH.  
EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT WHILE VC DO NOT HAVE CONSIDERABLE DESERTION  
PROBLEMS ENOUGH LOCAL COMMUNIST TROOPS GO OVER THE HILL WITHOUT  
REPORTING TO HOI CHANH CENTERS TO WARRANT CONSIDERATION. WE SUGGEST  
MAINTAIN RATIO OF AT LEAST ONE UNKNOWN VC/IRREGULAR DESERTER FOR  
EVERY HOI CHANH RALLIER.

END OF MESSAGE

\*COMMENTS REQUESTED ON MACV PROPOSALS RE WIA TO KIA RATIO AND PERMANENT  
DISABILITY AND DEATH FROM WOUNDS.

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